

12: Inmate MO*

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E- So what do you make of it?

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M- What, Makeright design?

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E- Yes, what do you think about the project?

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M- Is alright once you get to know about the design and things like that. Question two?

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E- (laughs) What would you say is the best thing and the worst thing about this project, what would you change?

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M- What would I change.... nothing. For prison is all right innit is just certain materials, don't serve you some time but we are in prison innit so apart from that I think is just strolling along pretty nice. It helps the inmates. I think it helps Sue Ryder as well if she can make anything of it fair enough, will help other people good thing you are doing!

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E- What would you say is most relevant to your experience?

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M- What's the most relevant... em... I wasn't a perfectionate at sewing before - now I am, that's about it. Problems in the design and that. I obviously I used to have problems outside so used to resolve them this and that but as far as Makeright is concerned I think I know how to make a bag, anti-theft bag.

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E- Quite good one - now you are making other bags - what are these bags?

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M- That's just a shower bag, just to put my toiletries. That's not even toiletries that's for my bedroom, that's just... (laughs)

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E- So what skills and knowledge did you bring to this project, do you think?

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M- I didn't have much skills so I didn't bring much, what else...

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E- Knowledge or experience?

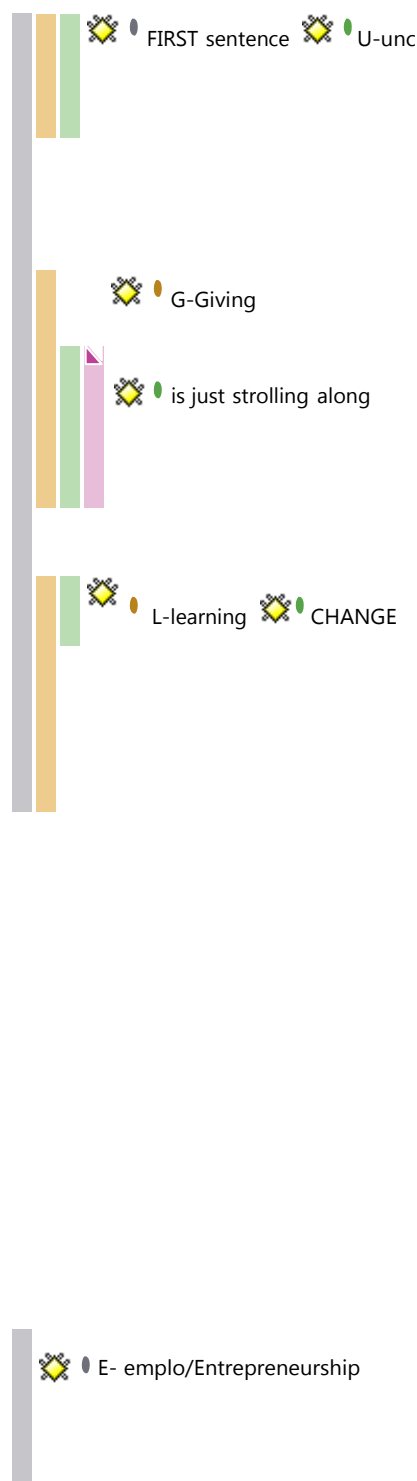
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M- Experience... I think, like everything else, you have a problem you bring a solution to it. So it's just you just using it in different context with materials and whatever. Question 3...?

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E- So you come up with a solution... Do you think that was

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something that you have done before?

17 M- Yes, I have done before there wasn't brushed up so just you got to actually before you do anything you need to think about a thing before you actually start sewing or do anything you have to actually think about it so just normal life as well you need to think about it.

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18 E- Is that something you have learned here?

19 M- No. No.

20 E- Something tells me you may have learned a bit of that, no?

21 M- Well...

22 E- Did you always think about things - you are in prison aren't you so..?

23 M- Any education thing you always pick up, it never goes in a minus. This is education so you always do learn something from it so...

24 E- What did you learn from it?

25 M- What did I learn from it? Well, as I said I learned how to sew a bag, anti-theft bag without smashing some peoples' heads - that's the main one. Be calm, collected, get on with your work, let everyone else do their thing.

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E- Yes, without smashing their heads. Good learning. Right, what would you say is different - did you use to like school or previous education?

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M- Yeah... education I have done my school, college.

27 E- College as well?

28 M- Yes, but after that I was a hands-on man so I went into self employment from the age of 17.

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E- So what did you like from school?

30 M- What did I like?

31 E- Or what didn't you like?

32 M- I liked maths always, counting my money.

33 E- Yeah, that was useful.

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34 M- And thats' about it.

35 E- Would you change anything in schools... how they operate?

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37 M- Yeah.

38 E- What would you change?

39 M- My teacher not coming with a hangover.

40 E- (laughs)

41 M- You think is funny? I still remember Mr X fucking pisshead. Now I know why he used to come with a black coffee every morning I have a headache fucking cunt.

42 E- Why, what made him that bad?

43 M- He was a pisshead, I didn't realize innit, like he was just a pisshead it was an alky and we didn't realise. We thought he was just funny because he used to drink his coffees and that but now anyway we are getting slightly off the subject and my time is about to...

44 E- Wait, so apart from me not coming in with a hangover ... what is different about this Makeright course - from that experience ...?

45 M- This is more hands-on innit so if you have an idea you have an opportunity to just putting it into practical doing your own design. When you are at school you need to think of an idea, through an idea you need to get it checked by two, three people. You can get on with your thing if you don't like it you make more decisions for yourself and assertive decisions yeah. Next?

 L-learning

46 E- Next, next! What's the rush, where are you going?


47 M- You know, seriously I need to sort this out.

48 E- No, no I will call them! We will see, you know. I can't promise but... anyway. So, collaborating with others - did you see any change in that do you think? Do you like collaborating more or not...?

49 M- No, I like to do my things by myself but yeah I was watching other's peoples stuff and I was taking ideas from it.

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50 E- All right, what were you comfortable and uncomfortable with?

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M- Uncomfortable was when I am doing work people trying to disturb you on my work.

51 E- Maybe trying to help you as well...? (laughs)

52 M- No, yes help is a different thing is always good to have quite a few

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minds on board, like...

53 E- So what was disturbance?

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54 M- Is not really disturbance is just the environment we are in innit?
I don't think is disturbance is more input innit, is just I ain't make
bag before innit for me it may be not let me carrying on with my
work interrupting me but for someone else is actually may be
actually teaching something so... Nexttttt!

55 E- Most memorable moments...?

56 M- Most memorable moments... I think when we started my heart
wasn't really into it and then after that... memorable moment I think
every session has been a memorable moment for me because is you be
progressing I think because when I did started coming in since then up
to last session it has been non stop innit? Its' just been getting on is
been two weeks innit two weeks non stop before that I wasn't...
memorable ... I don't know... memorable is when I think when you
were surprised that I actually performed to make a bag.

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57 E- I wasn't surprised.

58 M- I think you were...

59 E- No, I knew that all the way through.

60 M- Yeah...

61 E- I knew you had to think about it first...

62 M- I swear, I didn't have my heart with it at the beginning then I thought
you know what ... is just like... you may as well help someone innit if
you can that's the main thing innit you may as well help someone if
someone can improve that and actually make some money of it and
help the cause I don't mind that...

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63 E- What made that twist from not having the heart in it to...

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64 M- I don't know, is just that is just helping someone else innit? So by
me trying to help someone else that's a good thing innit...

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65 E- So your own realization - that you woke up and...?

66 M- Just helping someone else innit... is... That's the main ... Next!

67 E- Yes, well I think that's probably it... Do you think this project will
make any difference when you get out...?

68 M- Personally... this is not my field of work outside but there is certain stuff that you can take from it and use in your other field meaning e.g. be calm, take time whatever you gonna do plan it out that's what truly the bag innit, plan it out is all stepping stones innit? That starting stepping stone, number one and working out to the end for you that's the same thing, that's what pick up from the Makeright project is - whatever you start make sure you finish and don't trample anyone on the way.

69 E- What would you say to others - if anyone asked you about this project - what would you say?

70 M- Run the other way.

71 E- (laughs) Right, fair enough.

72 M- No, is a nice project. If people want to do it I would encourage them to do it because you know what the support that you get from you and Pras and Lorraine and the other network that you have got I think is a good thing this lot are doing but specially thanks to you and Pras and Lorraine you lot have given us a bit of time and is all right, is good.

73 (talk about other issues re education).

